

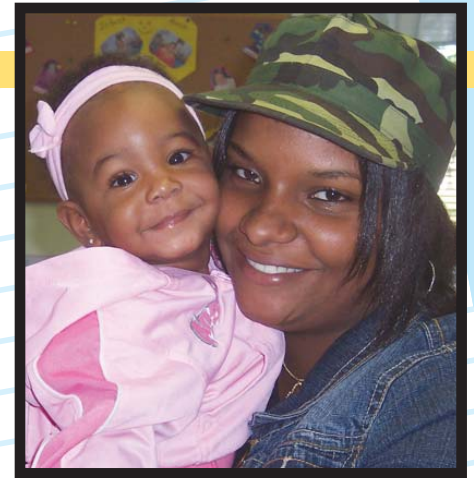
Michigan Even Start

Family Literacy is Improving in Michigan!

The Even Start Family Literacy Program

strives to break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by improving educational opportunities for families. This is accomplished by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy and adult basic education, parent-child interactive literacy and parenting education into a unified literacy program.

"Even Start is like no other program in the nation. In addition to providing parents with literacy skills, it empowers them with life, employment and parenting skills that help strengthen families and lead to self-sufficiency."
Senator Hillary Clinton



Description of Even Start Families (2004-2005)

- 94% of families had incomes below the poverty level*
- 97% of adults did not have a high school diploma*
- 73% of the adults were not employed*
- 67% of adult participants were 16-24 years old
- 40% of adults had not gone beyond ninth grade*
- 1,482 children were served*

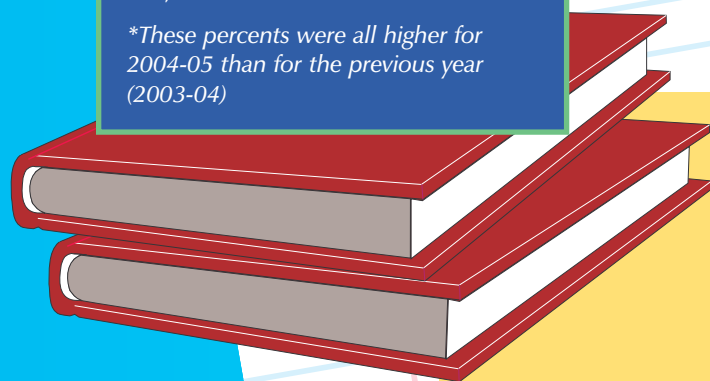
*These percents were all higher for 2004-05 than for the previous year (2003-04)

About Michigan Even Start

- There were 32 programs in 28 Michigan counties (2004-2005) that served a total of 1,378 families in the most recent reporting year.
- Even Start programs offer four components: interactive family literacy, parenting education, early childhood education and adult education.
- Information is collected yearly to identify areas that are functioning well and those that need improvement. Evaluation is in place to assess competency related to 15 specific outcomes in these areas: General Program and Family Information, Child and Adult Outcomes, and Parenting and Parent-Child Interactive Literacy.
- Findings from data analysis are used to drive continuous improvement at the local level and identify areas where additional support and technical assistance are needed from state staff.

Michigan Even Start Family Literacy Program is a component of Michigan Department of Education, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services. For information contact Reneé De Mars-Johnson or Cheryl Hall (517) 373-8483 or visit the web site www.michigan.gov/evenstart.

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DATA SHOWS CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT!



INDICATOR	2003-2004 PER PROGRAM	2004-2005 PER PROGRAM	CHANGE PER PROGRAM
Number of families targeted	38.5	38.7	+ .2 families
Families served	42.4 (110% of the goal)	43.1 (110% of the goal)	+ .7 families
Adults served	44.5	44.7	+ .2 adults
Children served	50.4	52.4	+ 2.0 children

MICHIGAN EVEN START INDICATORS/OUTCOMES

Percentage of children scoring above the cut-off on a developmental assessment

Percentage of school-age (K-2) children promoted to next level

Percentage of adults with growth of ≥ 1.0 grade level in at least one skill area

Percentage of adults with at least 75% of credits needed for a diploma who graduated

Percentage of ESL (English As a Second Language) participants demonstrating a gain during one year

Percentage of adult participants who earned a GED in two years

Percentage of adults completing a GED, diploma or achieving English proficiency that continued with more education, job training or obtained employment

2003-04	2004-05	CHANGE
82	87	+ 5
93	89	- 4
59	65	+ 6
66	68	+ 2
89	92	+ 3
83	82	- 1
62	64	+ 2

